

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) Collapsible container for receiving food, having a flexible wall comprising at least two transparent layers, the container comprising a withdrawal opening with a bent opening edge and being closed at its end opposite the withdrawal opening, the container being rolled from a two-dimensional blank which is connected with itself in an overlap region extending in the longitudinal direction of the container by at least one of heat and pressure, wherein the container is formed from a transparent and fluid tight material which can be shaped for bending the opening edge and is dimensionally stable after the shaping.

2. (Currently amended) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein the unshaped blank is two-dimensional to be processed more easily, and wherein the transparency of said container enables filling thereof to be monitored.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously presented) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein two or more of the layers are joined in a permanent perfect junction.

5. (Previously presented) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein three of said layers are provided, each of which is transparent.

6. (Previously presented) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein a central one of said layers is

an elastic yet permanently ductile layer, and after the shaping, a dimensionally stable layer.

7. (Previously presented) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein at least an inner one of said layers is liquid tight and a further one of said layers is gastight.

8. (Previously presented) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein at least one of an outer and an inner one of said layers is formed as a connection layer at least in the overlap region.

9. (Original) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein edges of the layers are fluid tight.

10. (Original) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the layers is provided with a print.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously presented) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein said layers comprise a central layer made of polyester and outer and inner layers that comprise coats of lacquer applied to the central layer.

13. (Currently amended) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein the layers comprise an outer layer of polypropylene, an inner layer of polypropylene, and a central layer of polyester ~~(PET)~~ arranged therebetween.

14. (Previously presented) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein the layers comprise an outer layer, an inner layer and a central layer therebetween, and wherein a print is provided on at least one of an inner side

of the outer layer, an outer side or an inner side of the central layer, and an outer side of the inner layer.

15. (Original) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein for the generation of heat for the connection in the overlap region, at least one of the layers is ultrasonic absorbent.

16. (Original) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein the layers form a laminate.

17. (Previously presented) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein a print is printed on at least one of the layers before the layers are laminated.

18. (Original) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein one of the layers is a laminate.

19. (Original) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein the closed end is formed by connecting lower end sections of the wall.

20. (Previously presented) Collapsible container according to claim 19, wherein the lower end sections of the wall are pressed one to another before they are connected.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Previously presented) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein the container comprises a cup having one of circular, approximately quadrangular, square, oval, bean-shaped and approximately polygonal cross-sections.

23. (Previously presented) Collapsible container according to claim 14, wherein the print has a three-dimensional effect.

24. (Currently amended) Collapsible container according to claim 14, wherein the print ~~is or~~ comprises a hologram.

25. (Previously presented) Collapsible container according to claim 10, wherein the print leaves open a control window on the wall.

26. (Currently amended) Collapsible container according to claim 10, wherein the print is only visible after at least a part of the food ~~has been taken out~~ is removed.

27. (Original) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein the opening edge is bent at an angle of 90° or more relative to the rest of the wall.

28. (Cancelled)

29. (Previously presented) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein the container and the material are stable at least within the temperature range of -50°C to +120°C.

30. (Previously presented) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein the container is capable of being stacked and unstacked.

31. (Previously presented) Collapsible container according to claim 1, wherein an outer one of said layers of the material is formed from polypropylene (PP), oriented PP (coextruded or lacquered), polyethylene (PE), polyethylene terephthalate (PET), lacquered PET, polyamide (PA), or lacquered and oriented PA and an inner one of said layers is formed from PP, polyvinyl chloride (PVC), polystyrene (PS), PA, or PET.

32. (Previously presented) Collapsible container according to claim 1, further comprising an insulating section of air within one of said layers or between said layers to provide an insulating effect.

33. (Original) Blank for the manufacture of a collapsible container according to claim 1.

34. (Currently amended) A collapsible conical-shaped transparent container for receiving food is made from a blank that is connected to itself in an overlap region by at least one of heat and pressure extending in a longitudinal direction of the container, the container having a withdrawal opening with a bent opening edge at an open end and being closed at an opposing end, the container comprising:

a first liquid impermeable transparent inner layer comprising polypropylene, polyvinyl chloride, polystyrene, polyamide, polyethylene terephthalate, or laminate;

a second elastic and dimensionally stable transparent central layer;~~and~~

a third gas impermeable transparent outer layer comprising polypropylene, oriented polypropylene, polyethylene, polyethylene terephthalate, lacquered polyethylene terephthalate, polyamide or lacquered and oriented polyamide₇;

a print provided with one of said layers, said print preventing viewing through said container except for a control window on a section of said container; and

a lid for closing the withdrawal opening at the open end of the container and a lid handle projecting outwardly from an edge of said lid and outwardly beyond the bent opening edge of said container to enable removal of said lid and access to the interior of said container;

wherein at least one of the inner layer and the outer layer is formed as a connection layer at least in the overlap region,

wherein the closed end is formed by connecting lower sections of the blank,

wherein the container has ~~one of a circular, quadrangular, square, oval, bean-shaped and polygonal~~ cross-section,

wherein the container is capable of being stacked and unstacked with a plurality of similar containers,

wherein the transparency of said container enables filling thereof to be monitored from a direction perpendicular to the filling direction and enables optical identification of the food stored therein, and

wherein the container is dimensionally stable after having been shaped so that said container is deformable when a force is applied to the outer layer thereof to enable consumption of at least part of the food and so that said container returns to essentially its original shape when the force is removed whereby the food is retracted back into an interior of the container until another force is applied to the outer layer.

35. (Currently amended) The collapsible conical-shaped transparent container of Claim 34, further comprising an insulating section of air within one of said layers or between two of said layers to provide an insulating effect.

36-37. (Cancelled)